

NOVEMBER 24, 2008 TASK FORCE MEETING
DISCUSSION GROUP NOTES

Task Force Team 1:

- Definitions fine
- 10 min realistic (1/2 mi= 15 min)
- Bart reg'l transit – Hub
- Regional Parks (e.g. Almaden Lake Park)
- Almaden Plaza – mixed use
- Saratoga- Corridor: retail, poss transit
- Corridors – not strip development
- No turning our backs to trails
- Emma Prusch park-remove fencing
- Summary:
 - Transp corridors as focal points
 - Community Assets (existing parks, creeks, libraries, pub. Fac).
 - Opportunity for redevelopment to make retail viable by adding more housing; jobs, etc. Depreciated shopping centers.
 - (Mobile Home Parks? Plans for their future)

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

HUBS

- Mixed use: Milpitas BART station
- Mixed use: Flea Market/Berryessa BART station
- Mixed use: Santa Clara BART station
- Mixed use: Alum Rock BART station
- Mixed use: Diridon BART station
- Open space hub: Lake Cunningham Park
- Open space hub: Kelley Park
- Open space hub: Guadalupe River Park

VILLAGES

- Alviso (terminus of N. 1st Street)
- River Oaks Light Rail station
- Piedmont & Sierra
- Berryessa Light Rail station
- McKee Light Rail station
- Alum Rock Avenue
 - & N. White Road
 - & S. King Road
- Story Road & S. King Road
- Story Road & McLaughlin Ave.
- Monterey Hwy/Tully/Curtner (The Plant/County fairgrounds)

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- E. Capitol Expressway/Silver Creek Road/Aborn Road
- Aborn Road & Ruby Avenue
- San Felipe Road & Yerba Buena Avenue
- Monterey Hwy
 - & W. Capitol Expy
 - & Branham Lane
- Blossom Hill Rd & Snell Ave.
- N. 1st & W. Hedding (County government center/old city hall)
- The Alameda & Race St.
- Stevens Creek Bl.
 - & Meridian Ave.
 - & S. Bascom Ave.
- S. Winchester Bl. & Williams Road
- Lincoln Ave. & Coe. Ave.
- S. Bascom Ave. & SW Expressway
- Union/Curtner/Bascom
- Meridian Ave
 - & E. Hamilton Ave.
 - & Foxworthy Ave.
- Camden Ave.
 - & Union Ave.
 - & Hillsdale Ave.
- Meridian Avenue/Kooser Rd/Blossom Hill Rd
- Almaden Expy
 - & Coleman Road
 - & Camden Ave

CORRIDORS

- 1st Street/Monterey Hwy (237 to Tully Road)
- Hillsdale Avenue (17 to Almaden Expy)
- Blossom Hill Road (Oakridge to Hitachi)
- Saratoga Avenue (280 to Westgate)

Task Force Team 2:

- Corridor connect more than Hubs/Villages. They also provide connections to services (i.e. hospitals)
- Corridor include adjacent land uses
- Enhance/promote/draw East/West travel
- Improve walkability
- Need comfortable walking environment
- Uses should be complementary to pedestrian activity
- Older shopping centers present opportunities
- Hubs should bring people together
- There are/should be Service Hubs (Hospital/Medical)
- Strong Corridor concept
 - Existing Capitol & W San Carlos
 - Links Village & Hubs
 - Curtner/Tully/Monterey – Downtown
 - Another East-West connection – “Yes we can” bring together
- Service – Hospital, Light Industrial Hubs

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

HUBS

- Mixed-use: Hitachi

VILLAGES

- Curtner/Bascom/Union

CORRIDORS

- S. Bascom Avenue (Stevens Creek Bl to Camden Ave)
- Curtner Avenue – Tully Road (Union to Capitol Expy)
- Story Road (Monterey Hwy to Capitol Expy)
- S. King Road (Alum Rock Ave to Capitol Expy)
- Monterey Highway (Story Road to Hitachi)
- Blossom Hill Road (Oakridge to Hitachi)
- Aborn Road (Capitol Expy to Evergreen campus industrial)

Task Force Team 3:

- Definitions:
 - Hubs:
 - “Strong pedestrian orientation” should be fleshed out – too broad
 - Define “walkable”
 - Pedestrian orientation does not mean pedestrian friendly
 - e.g. Stevens Creek between Santana row & Valley Fair
 - Walkability increase attraction to destination
 - Willow Glen/Lincoln CBD is “walkable”
- Existing Hubs, Villages & Corridors
 - Hubs
 - Westgate – diverse commercial aspect
 - Hitachi
 - Villages
 - Willow Glen
 - Corridors
- Future/Potential Hubs, Villages, Corridors
 - Hitachi site – Cottle/Santa Teresa
 - Story Rd & McLaughlin (Little Saigon) – Village
 - Communications Hill – Potential Neighborhood Village
 - Evergreen Specific Plan/Village – Potential Village
 - Fairgrounds/Plant “GE” – Regional Hub
 - Palm at 1st St – Village
 - Flea Market – Regional Hub
 - Camden & Union – Village (existing commercial & housing)
 - Bascom – Corridor (between Stevens Creek & Camden)
 - Senter Rd between Capitol & Tully – Corridor/Village
 - Existing commercial w/ lots of potential
 - W. Capitil Expwy between 87 & Almaden – currently some retail & car dealers – potential Corridor
 - Snell between Santa Teresa & Chynoweth – Village
 - Capitol & McKee – Mixed use Hub
 - 1st between Tasman & 237 Corridor – link LR w/ potential village at Palm/237 & 1st St.

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

HUBS

- Commercial hub: Monterey Hwy/Tully/Curtner (The Plant/Oak Hill/SCC Fairgrounds)
- Mixed-use hub: N. Capitol between Mabury & McKee
- Mixed-use hub: Hitachi site

VILLAGES

- N. 1st and 237
- Story Road & McLaughlin Ave.
- E. Capitol Expressway/Silver Creek Road/Aborn Road

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- Senter Road, between Tully Road and E. Capitol Expressway
- San Felipe Road & Aborn Road
- Aborn Road & Ruby Avenue
- San Felipe Road & Yerba Buena Avenue
- Camden Avenue
 - & S, Bascom Avenue
 - & Union Avenue (Cambrian Village)
 - & Leigh Avenue
- Hillsdale Avenue & Meridian Avenue
- Blossom Hill Road
 - & Cahalan Avenue
 - & Snell Avenue
- Snell Avenue & Santa Teresa Avenue

CORRIDORS

- N. 1st Street (Tasman Dr to 237)
- S. Bascom Avenue (Stevens Creek Bl to Camden Ave)
- Camden Avenue to Hillsdale Avenue (17 to 87)
- Blossom Hill Road (Meridian Ave to Santa Teresa Bl)

Task Force Team 4:

- Needs
 - South San Jose Bus Hub
 - Beef up Santa Teresa Station
 - Wings/Cheese Steaks
 - One theater cinemas replaced
 - Fairgrounds – potential Village
- Definitions:
 - Definitions make sense
- Hubs:
 - Eastridge
 - Light Rail
 - Need park (Arcadia Apts)
 - Branham/Snell/Chynoweth Park
 - Almaden/Cherry/Chynoweth
- Corridors
 - Bascom
 - Santa Teresa
 - Senter
 - Tully/Story/King
 - Monterey Rd
 - DeAnza
 - Saratoga
 - The Alameda
 - Hillsdale/Camden
- Village – Need Parks
 - White/Alum Rock
 - White/Story
 - Saratoga/Kiely
 - Kooser/Blossom Hill
 - N Capitol/McKee
 - Tully/Capitol
 - Blossom/Snell
 - Cambrian Plaza
 - Alum Rock/N Capitol
 - Oakland/Hostetter
 - Alviso (Port Marina Ferry)

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

HUBS (orange/green)

- Mixed-use hub: Oakland Road, between Montague Expy and Murphy Ave
- Mixed-use hub: Chynoweth Ave, between Oakridge and Almaden
- Open space hub: Vacant open space at Snell Avenue and Branham Lane
- Open space hub: County fairgrounds

VILLAGES (green/yellow)

- E. Brokaw & Murphy
- Alum Rock Ave
 - & Capitol Expy
 - & White Road
- Story Road & White Road
- Tully Rd & Capitol Expy
- Blossom Hill Rd & Snell Ave
- Almaden Expy & Camden Ave

CORRIDORS (yellow)

- Saratoga Avenue (Winchester to Westgate)
- The Alameda (Downtown to Santa Clara)
- Camden Avenue – Hillsdale Avenue (17 to W. Capitol Expy)
- Blossom Hill Road (Camden Ave to Oakridge to Hitachi)
- Santa Teresa Bl (Oakridge to Edenvale)
- Monterey Highway (Story Rd to Edenvale)
- Story Road
- S. King Road
- S. De Anza Bl.

Task Force Team 5:

- The Alameda should be a Corridor
- Hubs (red)
 - Downtown (general)
 - CalTrain, Bart
 - Employment
 - Santana Row & Winchester(orange)- DT Campbell – Potential Village (purple)
 - The Alameda/W. San Carlos(purple) – Potential for Village Development
- Village development needs to be targeted at specific locations along a Corridor (general)
- Connect DT to Westfield/Santana Row(orange)
- “Lincoln Ave concept” – livable
- Identify nodes – then connect to create Corridor
- Future Bart – Hubs (red)
 - Flea Market(red)
 - Alum Rock(red)
 - Diridon(red)
- (E) Job Centers – Mix jobs housing, retail
- N 1st St (orange)
 - Opportunity to create more cxns
- Corridors should have major modes of transportation (general)
- Transit is necessary to create walkable areas
- Blossom Hill & Almaden – Hub (Costco, T. Joe) (orange)
- Creating more options for travel
- Build clusters of housing to create need for more travel options
- Story Rd NBD – Keyes
 - Lester property – future Hub (red)
- E/W corridor(orange) needed for Edenvale - Santa Teresa ?
- Proximity to jobs
- Strip malls – opportunities – Villages
- Density sensitive to (E) neighborhoods
 - Bascom – Strip Malls
 - Winchester- Strip Malls
 - Meridian
 - Camden – Connect Hubs
 - Union
- Trails- connect Tamien – Oakridge/Winfield
 - 50 streets to “right size”
- Villages(purple)
 - Story/Mcl
 - 10th/William
 - Ex. DT Mtn. View/Campbell/Los Gatos
- Libraries, schools, comm ctr
- “Open Learning” – Communication
- Almaden Comm Ctr – Redeveloping
 - Adjacent Strip Ctr

- Camden/Union – Comm Ctr
 - New concept of village
- Low Density sites – higher Density/Mixed use site
- Inventory of Underutilized sites
- Eastridge – Redev
- VTA River Oaks site – Model Village Site?
- Mervyns @ King
- Key V
 - BL Hill/Snell
 - Cottle/85 LR Stop
 - Kaiser Hosp area (Cottle/Sta. T)
 - Curtner/Almaden/Lincoln

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

VILLAGES

- Story Road & McLaughlin Ave.
- S. 10th & E. San Salvador
- Blossom Hill Road & Snell Ave.
- Cottle Road
 - & 85
 - & Santa Teresa Bl.
- Curtner Ave. & Lincoln Ave.
- Hillsdale Ave.
 - & Meridian Ave.
 - & Camden Ave.

CORRIDORS

- The Alameda (Downtown to Santa Clara)

Public Discussion Group 1 facilitated by Michelle Stahlhut:

- Many existing “villages”
 - Need addtn'l:
 - Gathering spots
 - Improved ped facilities
 - Better NBHD retail
- Villages exist/should exist within hubs
 - Continue to encourage
- Using colleges and universities as starter for hubs/villages
- Every village should have green space
- Big city needs LOTS of villages
- Villages need to be woven together w/ transit & ped/bike connection
- Lots of places that we've not yet taken advantage
- Add residential to struggling village/hubs

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

HUBS

- Capitol & McKee
- S. Bascom Avenue & Southwest Expressway
- Curtner Ave & Monterey Hwy
- Camden Avenue & Hillsdale Avenue

VILLAGES

- Alviso (existing)
- River Oaks Light Rail station
- Bonaventura Light Rail station
- Mabury Road & White Road
- Guadalupe River Park/Market Center
- Midtown
- Stevens Creek Road & Saratoga Ave.
- Westgate
- Bollinger Road & De Anza Bl.
- Meridian Ave. & E. Hamilton Ave. (existing)
- Alum Rock Ave. & Capitol Ave.
- Story Road & McLaughlin Ave. (existing)
- Story Road & S. King Road (existing)
- Tully Road & McLaughlin Ave.
- S. King Road & Aborn Road
- Evergreen High School
- Ruby Avenue & Delta Road
- County Fairgrounds
- Almaden Expy & Curtner Ave.

- Meridian Ave. & Foxworthy Ave. (existing)
- Meridian Ave. & Branham Lane
- Branham Lane & Monterey Hwy/Edenvale Garden Park
- Santa Teresa Bl. & Cottle Road (existing)
- Almaden Expy & Camden Ave. (existing)
- Camden Ave. & Blossom Hill Road (existing)

CORRIDORS

- Saratoga Avenue (Stevens Creek Blvd. to Prospect Road)
- Camden Avenue – Hillsdale Avenue (S. Bascom Ave. to 87)

Public Discussion Group 2 facilitated by Rebekah Ross

- What does “entertainment” mean?
 - Existing
 - WG-Village
 - Rose Garden-Village
 - San Carlos-Corridor
 - Oakridge-Hub
 - Winchester-Corridor
 - Bascom-Corridor
 - Eastridge-Hub/Corridor
 - Potential
 - Bascom-Expand Corridor
 - Westgate Area-Expand existing Hub
 - Capitol Ave/ Penitencia-Corridor, Light rail, potential more high density
 - 101 & McKee- Portuguese Village-Old SJ Hospital site = Village
 - Leigh/Camden/Hillsdale-Could be a Hub/Village
 - Berryessa & Capitol-Corridor w/ Villages
 - Hostetter & Capitol-Corridor w/ Villages
 - Little Saigon-Hub
 - The Plant-Smaller scale Hub
 - Coyote Valley-if planned well-Village or Hub
 - Diridon-Hub
 - Flea Market-Hub/Village
 - Santa Teresa /Snell-Village
 - Almaden & Meridian-Village
 - Saratoga-Corridor
 - Tully, 101, Capitol-Corridor
 - Camden/Almaden-Village
- I want a definition of “liveliness: qualifier:
 - What are you going to use to attract people?
 - For potential locations for villages
 - look for schools
 - look for existing redevelopment/plazas/shopping centers

- Use Santana Row strat. Put retail on peripheries to attract others to other part of towns & reverse sales tax leakage
- Plan around Bart Stations
- For the Hubs and Villages to be successful, add parks/open space
 - mixed use development for hubs essential
 - successful village-people walking to shop
- Corridor as a way of connecting Hubs, place office buildings & other development that doesn't require frequent stops
- Revamp existing Hubs to make them more walkable
- Villages, Corridors & Hubs should all be walkable
- Preserve historic structure to add character to villages
- The GP Update needs to include how we're going to get there. The city needs to take an active role.
- Villages/Hubs need to be recognizable
 - Have a sense of place
 - Community center
 - Shopping (coffee shops, gathering places)
 - Retail for essential services (like drug store/bookstores)
 - Bike, pedestrian friendly, walkable
 - Preservation of historic features
 - Have green space
 - Strategic location to capture sales tax
 - Areas for festivities & large social/public gathering
 - Villages should be a place to slow down
- Corridors need to connect hubs
 - Be multi-mobile (bikes/walking not just car friendly)
 - Traffic should be able to move freely
- Key Places:
 - 101 & McKee-Village
 - Little Saigon-Hub
 - Capitol-Corridor
 - Winchester-Corridor

Public Discussion Group 3 Facilitated by Sylvia Do:

- The Alameda-existing commercial & a lot of future potential
- Meridian Avenue as a potential Corridor-pedestrian, bicycle, buses
- Interconnected Corridors
 - North SJ needs neighborhood Villages, mixed use, get people out of their cars
 - Bike lanes essential to corridors for bicycle connections
 - Blossom Hill/Meridian/Kooser has opportunity/potential for redevelopment-bus hub
 - Alum Rock/White as a neighborhood Village
 - Tully/King as a neighborhood Village
 - Mixed Use & transit Hub potential
 - Curtner/Monterey (The Plant)
 - Coleman/Taylor (Market center)

- Big box commercial: More pedestrian oriented, parking garages instead of surface parking, or wrap pkg garages around comm'l
- Pedestrian oriented development bicycle access & connections
 - Need small neighborhood markets, local, organic products
 - Improve “three trails” as a bicycle Corridor
 - Hitachi & Hwy 85/cottle Rd as a mixed use Hub
 - Wildlife Corridor in Coyote Valley
 - Coyote Valley as an agricultural Hub
- Villages = a lot of commercial villages, corner market with basic grocery products, locally grown/fresh, common areas
 - Hubs with satellite medical clinics, day care centers, art programs (eg. for people out of jail to obtain skills)
 - Corridors with shuttles for connection
 - Expand Japantown as a Village Hub
- Need more neighborhood “squares” (Village common areas, community gardens). Some streets can be closed to create temporary common areas, parks, more green space (eg. Savannah, GA)
 - Ohlone-Chenoweth light-rail as a neigh. Village
 - Interconnected corridors
 - Pedestrian – oriented development, bicycle access & connections
 - Villages = corner markets w/ locally grown, fresh, organic groceries, common areas, coffee shops
 - Neighborhood common areas, green space, parks, closed streets, community gardens, village squares

Additional Hubs, Villages, and Corridors identified on base map:

HUBS

- Mixed-use: North San Jose
- Mixed-use: Downtown
- Mixed-use: Guadalupe River Park/San Jose Market Center
- Mixed-use: Hitachi
- Commercial: The Plant (Curtner & Monterey)
- Commercial: The Alameda

VILLAGES

- Alum Rock Ave. & White Road
- Tully Road & S. King Road
- Blossom Hill Road & Meridian Ave.
- Blossom Hill Road & Monterey Road
- 87 & 85

CORRIDORS

- Meridian Avenue (W. San Carlos to Blossom Hill Road)
- Bike corridor (Los Gatos Creek to Kelley Park)

- S. Capitol Avenue (Alum Rock Avenue to 101)